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**Request  
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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/018,783-Conf. #1242
Filing Date	February 4, 1998
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
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| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)   | 01 FC:1801                            |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                    | 790.00 OP                             |
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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